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General Assembly

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Structured Dialogue II entitled "Assessing fragmentation, synergies, areas of duplication and opportunities for cooperation between existing mechanisms and processes, thus improving overall coherence and enhancing inter-linkages"[1] [webcast]

Segment 1: How much fragmentation is there? How much of it represents gaps? How much of it is duplication? How much of it is lack of information of what exists?

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Segment 2: Arguments for a technology facilitation mechanism. What concrete reforms and actions have a chance to receive broad support?

15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Closing

17:50 Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

[1] Structured dialogues are being held in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/210 of 20 December 2013. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 26 March 2014 was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Security Council

10:00 Consultations of the whole (closed) Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria) (S/2014/295)

Other matters

15:00 7166th meeting (closed) Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2010/507)

Wrap-up session

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General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Informal informal consultations on the modalities for the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases will take place *today*, 30 April 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of April 2014 (Nigeria) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work during the month, *today*, 30 April 2014, immediately after the adjournment of the 7166th meeting (approximately at 16:30), in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Survey of Conference Services

In accordance with section III, paras. 46 to 48, of General Assembly resolution 68/251, dated 27 December 2013, on the pattern of conferences, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites all delegations to participate in the online *Survey of Conference Services*. This e-survey aims to assess the quality of DGACM services. The e-survey is accessible online *until* Thursday, 15 May 2014. Please click on the following links to fill out the e-survey in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The Department welcomes questions or comments pertaining to its services, which can also be sent to dgacm-feedback@un.org. The participation of delegations is highly appreciated.

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce)
Forty-ninth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3 (CB)

Committee on Information
Thirty-sixth session

10:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1 (CB)
	Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information [item 8]	
10:30 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1 (CB)

[The thirty-sixth session of the Committee on Information will be held in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least two hours* in advance of their designated speaking slot and bring only 20 copies of their statement for technical services. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which it will be available to the public on the portal. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets or mobile devices to the meeting to access the meeting information and documents electronically.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

09:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (CB)
	Executive meeting	

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014)

16:30 to 18:00	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-eighth session

10:00 to 13:00	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2 (CB)

1. Activities relating to the Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers [item 9] (*continued*)
2. Activities Relating to the Working Group on Toponymic Terminology [item 10]

3. Activities relating to the Working Group on Romanization Systems [item 11]
4. Activities Relating to the Working Group on Country Names [item 12]

15:00 to 18:00 6th meeting (closed) Conference Room 2 (CB)

1. Activities relating to the Working Group on Publicity and Funding [item 13]
2. Activities relating to the Working Group on Exonyms [item 14]
3. Activities relating to the Working Group on Pronunciation [item 15]
4. Activities relating to the Working Group on Geographical Names as Cultural Heritage [item 16]

[Members of the Group of Experts and observers wishing to participate in the session are kindly requested to submit the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (e-mail leu@un.org) with a copy to the Statistics Division, DESA (e-mails blake1@un.org and frani@un.org; room DC2-1678). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Delegations are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the twenty-eighth session of the Group of Experts. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement *at least* two hours in advance of delivery to papersmart4@un.org and bring only *20 copies* of their statement for technical services. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. All such statements will be made available on the UNGEGN PaperSmart Portal only after delivery by delegations. In addition, a print-on-demand service will be made available to delegations, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room.

Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log-in will be required to access the Portal.

Further information on the session can be obtained on the website of the Group of Experts by *clicking here*.]

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Third session

10:00 to 13:00 5th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Continuation of the general debate

15:00 to 18:00 6th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Cluster I issues

[For further information, *click here*. To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.

The session will be PaperSmart. To consult the Portal please, *click here*.]

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

Wednesday, 30 April 2014

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/68/L.42, entitled "Enhancement of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations" (under agenda items 124 and 125) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77))

From 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 30 April 2014

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

09:00 to 09:45 Closed meeting Conference Room A (CB)

Group of 77 (on Third Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 09:45 Closed meeting Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

10:00 to 1300 Closed meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

10:00 to 1300 Closed meeting General Assembly Hall (NLB)

African Group (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room D (CB)

Other activities

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Wednesday, 30 April 2014

Expert Group Meeting on the role of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (organized by Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 09:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[Pre-registration is required, please send an e-mail to mckusick@un.org in order to register. To consult the documentation please *click here*. For further information, please contact, Ms. Irena Zubcevic, DESA (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 4528).]

Briefing on "Preparing for deep cuts: Overcoming the gridlock in nuclear arms control" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

From 13:00 to 15:00, at the Permanent Mission of Germany (871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Germany (Mr. Peter Winkler (e-mail peter.winkler@diplo.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0429) or Ms. Amalie Harrison (e-mail amalie.harrison@diplo.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0419).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp

Wednesday, 30 April 2014

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 1 May 2014

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Interactive dialogue on "Elements for a monitoring and accountability framework for the Post-2015 Development Agenda"[1]

Opening

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Panel discussion 1: Concepts for a new accountability framework or frameworks for the Post-2015 Development Agenda

10:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Panel discussion 2: Learning from existing review mechanisms

15:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Closing

17:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

[1]Letters from the President of the General Assembly dated 25 April and 28 April 2014, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Friday, 2 May 2014

General Assembly
Sixty-eighth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

10:00 4th meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 April 2014, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee
Second part of the resumed session

The second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session will begin on Monday, 5 May 2014, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/68/L.36.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available by *clicking here*.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

General Assembly

Sixty-eighth session

For an updated tentative schedule of General Assembly plenary meetings, please *click here*.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-15 September 2014). Meetings will be announced in the Journal when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

The agenda of the sixty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251 (see A/68/252 for allocation of items). Annotations can be found in documents A/68/100 and A/68/100/Add.1. The revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-eighth session was issued on 24 October 2013 in document A/INF/68/3/Rev.1.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/68/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Eleventh session

The eleventh session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will be held from Monday, 5, to Friday, 9 May 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). For more information on the Open Working Group, please *click here*.

Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing
Fourth session

In accordance with General Assembly decision 67/559 of 21 June 2013, the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing will be held from Monday, 12, to Friday, 16 May 2014, in Conference Room 1 (CB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.282/2013/1. Only Members of the Committee of Experts, accompanied by up to two advisors, are invited to attend this closed session. Experts nominated by regional groups to serve as replacements for members may also attend as observers. For further information, please contact Mr. Daniel Platz (e-mail platz@un.org) and Mr. Wei Liu (e-mail liuw@un.org).

Multistakeholder dialogue

An interactive multistakeholder dialogue will be organized on Monday, 12 May 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, and will be open to all. For more information on this dialogue, please contact Mr. Hamish Jenkins, United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (e-mail hamish.jenkins@unctad.org).

Briefing

A briefing will be convened by the Co-Chairs of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, on the progress of the work of the Committee, on Friday, 16 May 2014, from 15:00 to 16:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB). All are invited to attend.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fourth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fourth session at Headquarters from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 June 2014.

The attention of any Member State intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member State to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such

requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 16 May 2014*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member State intending to submit such a plan is also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing of the UN-Women Executive Board on UN-Women internal audit and investigation activities for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, on Wednesday, 7 May 2014, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room D (CB).

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Eighteenth session
Organizational meeting

The organizational meeting of the eighteenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation will be held on Thursday, 1 May 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB), to elect the Bureau. The organizational meeting will also adopt the provisional agenda and approve the organization of work for the eighteenth session. For this purpose, regional groups are kindly reminded to submit to the secretariat the names of their nominees for the respective positions on the Committee's Bureau, as follows: President (Asia-Pacific States), three Vice-Presidents (African States, Eastern European States, and Western European and other States), and Rapporteur (Latin American and Caribbean States), and to kindly convey the names of the nominees to Mr. Cosmas Gitta, Assistant Director, Policy and United Nations Affairs, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (e-mail cosmas.gitta@undp.org). The documents for the organizational meeting are contained in SSC/18/L.1, SSC/18/L.2 and SSC/18/L.3.

Economic and Social Council

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Thirteenth session

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold its thirteenth session from Monday, 12, to Friday, 23 May 2014, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The ceremonial opening meeting of the Forum will be held on Monday, 12 May, at 11:00. The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2014/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2014/L.1.

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Only those observers who indicate their participation by Wednesday, 7 May 2014, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the Trusteeship Council Chamber on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For background and other related documents of the thirteenth session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/indigenous.

The thirteenth session of the Permanent Forum will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum is available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal.

The list of speakers *is open*. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Delegations are advised that statements made *should not* exceed five minutes.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org *at least* two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2014 resumed session

The 2014 resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 19 to Wednesday, 28 May, and on Friday, 6 June 2014, in Conference Room 1 (CB). The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2014/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note-verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org komatina@un.org; room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the Website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefings

In preparation for its annual session, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will hold informal briefings as indicated below. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 13 May 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB):

(a) Annual report on the evaluation function and major evaluations of UNICEF and a management perspective; and

(b) Evaluation of UNICEF Programmes to protect children in emergencies: Synthesis report.

Thursday, 28 May 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB):

(a) Evaluation of Community Management of acute malnutrition (CMAM): Global synthesis report; and

(b) Evaluation of UNICEF's cluster lead agency role in humanitarian action and Thematic synthesis report of nutrition programmes.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its annual session (Tuesday, 3, to Friday, 6 June 2014) will take place on Tuesday, 20 May 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB). The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on:

(a) "Update on the QCPR implementation";

(b) the Results framework of the UNICEF strategic plan, 2014-2017; and

(c) Progress of work in gender equality and empowerment of women in UNICEF.

Annual session

The 2014 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 3, to Friday, 6 June 2014, in Conference Room 3 (CB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2014/5. To consult advance copies of all documentation for the session, please *click here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to communicate their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (e-mail harai@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), as early as possible, *but no later than Friday, 30 May 2014*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2014 annual session will be PaperSmart. Instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all

supporting documentation (powerpoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/68/251, A/68/251/Add.1 and A/68/252.
The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child" – Introduction of the zero draft (convened by the Permanent Missions of Botswana, Jordan, Mexico, Poland, Sweden and Thailand)

Friday, 2 May 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room D (CB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Arab Group (First Committee experts)

Thursday, 1 May 2014, from 09:00 to 09:45, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Pacific Small Island Developing States (organized by the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea)

Thursday, 1 May 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

Group of 77 (on the draft declaration for the Group of 77 Summit)

Thursday, 1 May 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 2 May 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

African Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

Friday, 2 May 2014, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Expert Group Meeting on the role of the high-level political forum on sustainable development (organized by Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 1 May 2014, from 09:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[Pre-registration is required, please send an e-mail to mckusick@un.org in order to register. To consult the documentation please *click here*. For further information, please contact, Ms. Irena Zubcevic, DESA (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 4528).]

Course on "Land, Peacemaking and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding" (co-organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), in collaboration with the Norwegian Refugee Council)

Thursday, 1 May 2014, from 09:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Room S-2726; and

Friday, 2 May 2014, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Room S-2726.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Evelien Borgman, IOM (e-mail eborgman@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 236). For a detailed programme, please *click here*.]

Briefing on "Media freedom for a better future: Shaping the Post-2015 Development Agenda" (on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day (3 May)) (co-organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Thursday, 1 May 2014, from 10:45 to 13:00, in Conference Room 1 (CB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, DPI (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Briefing on "Post-2015 Development Agenda – Session VII: Environmental Sustainability, Part 1" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Thursday, 1 May 2014, from 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Max Bruno Cavazzini (e-mail max.cavazzini@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4611); or *click here*.]

Briefing on "Post-2015 Development Agenda – Session VII: Environmental Sustainability, Part 2" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Friday, 2 May 2014, from 10:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 9 (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Max Bruno Cavazzini (e-mail max.cavazzini@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4611); or *click here*.]

Panel discussion on "The Elimination of Racial Discrimination and Racial Conflicts in the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda: Implementing human rights learning practices" (on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racism (21 March) (A/RES/2142 (XXI)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of El Salvador)

Thursday, 1 May 2014, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Michelle Centeno, Permanent Mission of El Salvador (e-mail centenomichelle@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 679-1616, ext. 3042).]

Panel discussion on "A Decade of Action Plans to Protect Children Affected by Armed Conflict" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of France and the Office of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSG/CAAC))

Friday, 2 May 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited. For registration and further information, please contact Mr. Fernando Falcon, OSRSG/CAAC (e-mail falcon@un.org).]

Briefing on the Secretary-General's report on "Activities of the United Nations system in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy" (organized by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office, Department of Political Affairs)

Monday, 5 May 2014, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Anne Cruz, CTITF (e-mail cruz14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0541).]

Special event on "Culture: a driver for economic development" (co-organized by the Organization International de la Francophonie (OIF) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Tuesday, 6 May 2014, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Clarisse Bourjon, OIF (e-mail clarisse.bourjon@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771).]

Briefing on "The elimination of the chemical weapons programme of the Syrian Arab Republic" (by the Special Coordinator of the OPCW-UN Joint Mission) (organized by the Office of the Joint Mission of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the United Nations (OPCW-UN Joint Mission))

Thursday, 8 May 2014, from 15:30 to 16:30, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Thoraya Abdellatif, OPCW-UN Joint Mission (e-mail abdellatift@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3948).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Science and Technology for Development
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2013/229 of 22 July 2013, the seventeenth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development will be held from Monday, 12, to Friday, 16 May 2014, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/CN.16/2014/1.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to Ms. Padmashree Gehl Sampath, Chief, Science and Technology Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Room E.7059, Geneva, (e-mail padmashree.gehl.sampath@unctd.org; tel. 011-41-22-917-4446; fax 011-41-22-917-0052).

In preparation for the session, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information by *clicking here*.

Inquiries on the seventeenth session of the Commission can also be directed to Ms. Lana Emelina-Sarte, Secretary of the Commission (e-mail emelina@un.org).

Announcements

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 *(Vols. I and II)*)**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

Paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement are available in room DC2-0880B.

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *today*, 30 April 2014, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 67/36, paras. 2 and 7, entitled "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/18-2014/AADU dated 25 February 2014 refers);

Resolution 67/49, paras. 2 and 4, entitled "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/16-2014/ICBM dated 25 February 2014 refers);

Resolution 68/37, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 5 December 2013 (Note verbale ODA/20-2014/D&D dated 28 February 2014 refers);

Resolution 68/44, para. 2, entitled "National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology", adopted on 5 December 2013 (Note verbale ODA/33-2014/NLDU dated 25 February 2014 refers); and

Resolution 68/56, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 5 December 2013 (Note verbale ODA/15-2014/CAC dated 25 February 2014 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line through www.un-arm.org/milex/reportingonline.aspx, by *today*, 30 April 2014, the information relevant to Resolution 68/23, paras. 1 and 8 (a) and (b), entitled "Objective information

on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 5 December 2013 (Note verbale ODA/17-2014/OIMM dated 28 February 2014 refers).

United Nations Regional Courses in International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their deep appreciation to Australia for providing the necessary voluntary contribution to fund the Regional Course in International Law for Africa that is being held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 2 May 2014. This generous contribution has made possible this session of the Regional Course.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are also seeking voluntary contributions for the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, for Asia-Pacific and for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2015. The Codification Division would need to receive notification of such voluntary contributions *by Friday, 1 August 2014*, to proceed with plans for such courses in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division wish to express their appreciation to the two Member States that have made voluntary contributions in 2014 to support the Regional Courses in International Law for Africa namely, China, and for Asia-Pacific, namely, China and Saudi Arabia, for 2015.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014)

In response to queries received by the secretariat, delegations from States who are parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are informed that, although the deadline for submission of candidates for the two elections of members of the Human Rights Committee passed on Friday, 21 March 2014, it is still possible for further nominations to be submitted. Late nominations will be presented to the Meeting on *Tuesday, 24 June*, for confirmation in accordance with the rules of procedure. Unfortunately the Secretariat cannot guarantee that the resumes of candidates nominated late will be available in all official languages in time for the meeting.

Under articles 33 and 34 of the Covenant, vacancies on the Committee are filled through open elections and nominations of qualified candidates may be submitted by

any State Party. There are no formal quotas for regional groups, although geographical distribution of seats is a factor which may be taken into account when nominating candidates. Currently there are four women amongst the eighteen members of the Committee.

Nominations should be sent by the nominating State Party to the Registry of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (e-mail registry@ohchr.org), with a copy to the Secretary of the Human Rights Committee, Ms. Kate Fox (e-mail kfox@ohchr.org) at OHCHR in Geneva. Please state whether the nomination is for the regular election of nine members, the by-election or both.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by more than one million people in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the two Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China and the United Kingdom.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2014 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 resolution, the Secretary-General in 2008 established a Trust Fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 26 of its resolution 68/112, the General Assembly expressed its appreciation to Governments that have made voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund and encouraged further contributions to the Trust Fund.

In accordance with the terms of reference of the trust fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (e-mail sooksatan@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all states parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of states parties will take place in 2014:

Seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (10-12 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fourth meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (24 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2014, and extraordinary election to replace one Member of the Committee who resigned (*click here* for general information);

Fifteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (25 June 2014): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2015 (*click here* for general information); and

Eighteenth meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2014): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2014 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such

credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities only should be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room S-2906)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

For any clarifications on these elections, please see Candiweb, consult OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292). For clarifications regarding the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities *not related to the elections*, please contact DESA.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions, in room DC2-1142 (or otherwise indicated), for the month of *April:*

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Summary of official meetings

Monday, 28 April 2014

General Assembly

Committee on Information
Thirty-sixth session

[archived video]

1st meeting

Opening of the session [item 1]

The Chair opened the session.

Adoption of agenda and programme of work [item 2]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda and programme of work, as contained in document A/AC.198/2014/1.

Admission of new members [item 3]

Iraq has applied for membership to the Committee.

Statement by the Chair [item 4]

The Chair made a statement.

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information [item 5]

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a statement.

General debate [item 6]

Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General [item 7]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union, Argentina (on behalf of the Group of Friends of Spanish), Zambia, Oman, Senegal, Mexico, Guatemala, Libya, Egypt, Japan, Ukraine and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Tuesday, 29 April 2014

Security Council

[archived video]

7162nd meeting

The situation concerning Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2014/258)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Spain to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2014/299, submitted by France, the Russian Federation, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2014/299) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2014/299) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2152 (2014).

7163rd meeting

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Letter dated 14 April 2014 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/266)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Côte d'Ivoire to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2014/303, submitted by France, Nigeria, Rwanda and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2014/303) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2014/303) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2153 (2014).

After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire.

7164th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Guinea, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and previous practice.

The President invited Mr. Robert Serry, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the representative of the European Union to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Abdou Salam Diallo, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Ahmed Fathalla, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Serry.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, France, Australia, Chad, Jordan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, China, Rwanda, Chile, Argentina and the United Kingdom, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Nigeria.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, India, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan and Brazil.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the European Union (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the candidate country Montenegro; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, aligned themselves with this statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Algeria, Turkey, Japan, Oman (speaking on behalf of the Arab Group), Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement as well as in his national capacity), Guatemala, Namibia, Malaysia, Iceland, Peru and Qatar.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Abdou Salam Diallo, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Ahmed Fathalla, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of South Africa, Kuwait, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Cuba, Guinea (speaking on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Bahrain.

Mr. Serry made further comments.

The representative of Israel made a further statement.

7165th meeting

Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/136)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Ukraine to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Feltman.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Rwanda, Argentina, the United States, China, the Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Jordan, Chile, Australia, the Russian Federation, Lithuania and Chad, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Nigeria.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Ukraine.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a further statement.

General Assembly

Committee on Information
Thirty-sixth session

[archived video]

2nd meeting

General debate [item 6]

Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General [item 7]

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Pakistan, China, the Russian Federation, Spain, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Jamaica, Algeria, the United States, the Republic of Congo, Cuba, Brazil and Argentina.

3rd meeting

General debate [item 6]

Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General [item 7]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Israel, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Belarus, the Sudan, India, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), the Plurinational State of Bolivia, and of the International Organization of la Francophonie.

A closing statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-eighth session

3rd meeting

Special presentation "The Power of Location: Trends in Geographic Information Systems" by the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)

The Group of Experts heard a special presentation by the representative of ESRI on the Trends in Geographic Information Systems.

The Chair and experts from the Arabic Division, the Africa South Division, the Norden Division and the Africa Central Division made comments and raised questions, to which the presenter responded.

Implementation of resolutions and activities relating to the Working Group on Evaluation and Implementation [item 7]

The Group of Experts continued its consideration of this item and heard presentations by experts from the Arabic Division, the Norden Division and the Asia East Division (other than China).

The Chair, the Convenor and experts from the Arabic Division, the Norden Division, the China Division, and the United States/Canada Division made comments and raised questions, to which the presenters of Working Papers responded.

The Convenor summarized the discussion on this item.

Activities relating to the Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy [item 8]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item and heard a presentation by the Convenor of the Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy.

The Chair, the Convenor and experts from the Africa East Division, the Africa Central Division, the Africa South Division, the Arabic Division, the Norden Division, the United States/Canada Division and the East Central and South-East Europe Division made comments and raised questions, to which the Convenor responded.

4th meeting

Special presentation: "Renewing the system for collecting and storing place names in Norway" by the Norway Mapping Authority

The Group of Experts heard a special presentation by expert from the Norden Division.

The Chair and experts from the Africa East Division, the Africa South Division, the Norden Division, the Arabic Division, the Romano-Hellenic Division and the United States/Canada Division made comments and raised questions, to which the presenter responded.

Activities relating to the Working Group on Training Courses in Toponymy [item 8]

The Group of Experts continued its consideration of this item and heard presentations by experts from the Arabic Division, the Asia East Division (other than China), and the United States/Canada Division.

The Chair, the Convenor and experts from the Africa East Division, the Arabic Division and the United States/Canada Division made comments and raised questions, to which the presenters of Working Papers responded.

The Convenor summarized the discussion on this item.

Activities relating to the Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers [item 9]

The Group of Experts began its consideration of this item and heard presentations by the Convenor of the Working Group on Toponymic Data Files and Gazetteers. Presentations were also made by the Asia East Division (other than China), the Asia South-West Division (other than Arabic), the Arabic Division, the Dutch-and German speaking Division and the Norden Division.

The Chair, the Convenor and experts from the Arabic Division, the Asia South-East Division, the Africa South Division, the United States/Canada Division, the Norden Division, the Romano-Hellenic Division and the French Speaking Division made comments and raised questions, to which the presenters of Working Papers responded.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Territorial application in respect of the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba): Netherlands (28 April 2014)

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Territorial application in respect of the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba): Netherlands (28 April 2014)

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Territorial application in respect of the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba): Netherlands (28 April 2014)

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Territorial application in respect of the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba): Netherlands (28 April 2014)

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003

Territorial application in respect of the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba): Netherlands (28 April 2014)

Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Nagoya, 29 October 2010

Ratification: Hungary (29 April 2014)

Food Assistance Convention. London, 25 April 2012

Ratification: Luxembourg (29 April 2014)

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2014* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
His Excellency Macharia Kamau

Asia-Pacific States:
Turkey
His Excellency Y. Halit Çevik

Eastern European States:
Belarus
His Excellency Andrei Dapkiunas

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
Her Excellency Maria Emma Mejía Vélez

Western European and other States:
Netherlands
His Excellency Karel Jan Gustaaf van Oosterom

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever

possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

Information regarding the Journal of the United Nations

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Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

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The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps. These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
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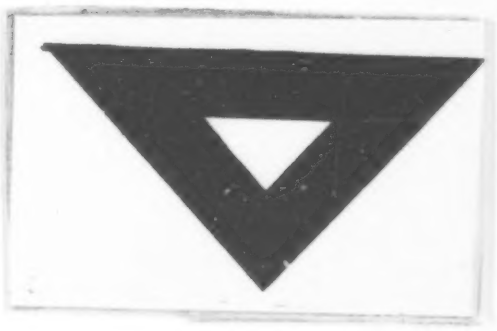

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